terms of the provisions contained in para 9.2(a) of the Brochure ibid and the Govt. instructions on the subject.

(b) The Bank has reported that the percentage of SCs/STs in Scale-I, II, III and IV of its officers cadre are 24.81%, 12.67%, 2.56% and 3.03% respectively.

(c) The bank has further reported that reservations at the rate of 15% for SCs and 7.5% for STs are provided in all promotions in the bank to which reservations are applicable in terms of the provisions contained in the Brochure on Reservations for SCs/STs in Services (7th Edition).

Promotion to SC/ST employees of Syndicate Bank

2744. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) How many banks have extended check off facilities (facility to deduct subscription of Association/Unions from Salary) to the SC/ST Organisations;

(b) whether Syndicatye bank has extended the above facility to All India Syndicate Bank SC/ST employees Welfare Association;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) how many officers have been promoted in Syndicate Bank since 1992 in the General Category, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe in the Scale II to VII;

(e) whether reservation has been extended as per the Supreme Court Judgement to SC/ST; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Seven of the 23 public sector banks, from whom the information has become available, have extended check off facilities to the SC/ST welfare associations in their respective banks.

(b) and (c) Syndicate Bank has not extended the check off facility to the All India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Welfare Association on the ground that this facility is available to the recognised unions only and the Association is not a recognised union.

(d) As reported by Syndicate Bank the number of officers promoted, scale-wise, since 1992 in the bank has been as under:

Scale	Promoted		
	Gen.	SC	ST
JMGS-I to MMGS II.	872	148	30
MMGS II to MMGS III.	476	4	—
MMGS III to SMGS IV.	116	1	—
SMGS IV to TEGS V.	26	—	—
TEGS V to TEGS VI.	7	—	—
TEGS VI to TEGS VII.	3	—	—

(e) and (f) Following the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, reservations have been extended by the bank in favour of SCs/STs in posts within its officers cadre. However, these reservations have been stopped following the instructions dated 1.11.1990, issued by the Department of Personnel & Training.

High Court Stay on Banking Tribunals

2745. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has stayed the working of the banking tribunals in the country to try bank recovery cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a)

to (c) On a writ petition filed by the Bar Association of Delhi, the Division Bench of Delhi High Court has granted ex-parte stay for the operation of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, which provides for expeditious adjudication and recovery of debts due to banks and financial institutions.

The Hon'ble High Court in its ex-parte Order dated 25.7.94 had recorded that it is prima-facie of the view that the Act, as enacted may perhaps not be valid and that it would be appropriate to stay the operation of the Act at this stage as otherwise if it is not done and the petitioners succeed ultimately, it would create a great deal of complications and the ramifications would be much more.

The Government is contesting the case. The matter is presently subjudice and therefore it may not be appropriate to comment on the same at this stage.

Bank in Collaboration with Private Party in Uttar Pradesh

2746. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit Uttar Pradesh Government to form a bank at its own in collaboration with a private party on the lines at Bank of Gujarat etc. with the provision that on formation of such a bank the latter would take over the four existing private banks in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if not, what are the impediments envisaged in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of Government. Further, Reserve Bank of India have intimated that they have not received any proposal from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for setting up a new bank.

(b) Does not arise.

भोपाल में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक का प्रचालन

2747. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग:**
श्री राघवजी:

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भोपाल में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक का क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय कब से कार्य कर रहा है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि भोपाल में स्थित भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के नये भवन को बहुत पहले ही तैयार कर दिया गया था, यदि हां, तो वह कब पूरा किया गया था; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि भोपाल में क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय के कुछ विभाग अभी तक भी कार्य नहीं कर रहे हैं; यदि हां, तो उन विभागों का ब्यौरा क्या है और उन्हें सक्रिय बनाने के लिए क्या-क्या कठिनाइयां पेश आ रही हैं और भोपाल में स्थित यह क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय कब तक पूरी तरह से कार्य प्रारम्भ कर देगा?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति): (क) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि उसके भोपाल क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय की स्थापना 1972 में की गयी थी।

(ख) और (ग) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने बताया है कि भोपाल में नया कार्यालय भवन मई, 1991 में बन गया था। उन्होंने आगे सूचित किया है कि बैंकिंग परिचालन और विकास विभाग, ग्रामीण आयोजना और ऋण विभाग, विनिमय नियंत्रण विभाग, आर्थिक विश्लेषण और नीति विभाग जमाराशियां लेखा विभाग और लोक लेखा विभाग जैसे उनके अधिकांश विभाग नए भवन में पहले ही जा चुके हैं और वहां से परिचालन कर रहे हैं।

निर्गम और बैंकिंग विभाग अभी परिचालन में नहीं हैं क्योंकि बैंक को इस मामले का निपटान कर्मचारी यूनियनों के साथ करना है।

Promotions in Indian Economic Service

2748. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI:
SHRI J.S. RAJU:
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) whether promotions were made to